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Dear Chairman Forese,

I am contacting you today about APS's proposal to raise residential electric rates, greatly increase the fixed service charge on many monthly electric bills, and to restrict the choice of rate plans to new customers.

Greatly increasing the fixed charge on Basic Rate plan monthly electric bills is not fair. Those customers will have to pay this larger fixed charge even before turning on a light switch and no matter how little energy is used in their home. That's just not right. Customers should pay for how much electricity they use - not big fixed charges.

APS offering only two rate plans for those signing up for service is also not right. New customers should get to choose among all the current plans which they determine are best for them. Arizona families know what they can afford - APS should not get to make the choice for them by offering only two plans. That's not right.

Raising rates an average of \$72 a year can create hardship. Many are on fixed incomes.

It is very important people be able to control the amount of their monthly electric bill. Big fixed charges on monthly bills leave a smaller portion of the bill which a customer can control. Allowing APS to offer new customers only two rate plans may result in Arizona families paying higher electric bills. Arizona families - not APS - should decide what is best for their pocketbook.

Please change these bad proposals. Arizonans should pay only what is fair and necessary for electricity and not one cent more.

Thank you,

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